

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Anne Hupp, et al.

Serial No.: 10/522,835

Filed: January 31, 2005

For:
**AQUEOUS PIGMENT PASTES
COMPRISING METAL PIGMENTS AND
THEIR USE FOR PRODUCING
AQUEOUS EFFECT COATING
MATERIALS**

Group Art Unit:
1793

Examiner: Shuangyi Abu-Ali

Confirmation No.: 6570

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence is being submitted by EFS-Web as an eFiled Response, addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on Friday, September 26, 2008.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as indicated below. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these amendments and the following remarks.

The shortened statutory period for response expired on July 28, 2008. Accordingly, Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.136 or other applicable rule to have the response period extended three months in order to have the instant communication timely entered. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time is also attached hereto. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account 23-3425 the necessary extension fees identified in the attached Petition and any other fees necessary for entry of this amendment.

Please refer to the claims and remarks as set forth below.